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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 5,876,342
- AB United States Patent No. 4,962,754
- AU "Kompendium Elektromedizin: Grundlagen, Anwendungen,"
Kresse (1978), pages 231-232.
- AV "A 2-D Acoustic Array for Diagnostic Imaging," Bechtold et al,
IEEE Ultrasonics Symposium 1996, pages 1573-1576

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The German counterparts to References AA and AB, together with reference AU, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application. An English translation of Reference AU is not readily available to the Applicants. Reference AU describes the basic principles of an ultrasound B-scan.

Reference AV was identified and discussed in the present specification at page 1, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of that reference.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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